



## PRE-COURSE INFORMATION & PREPARATION

**Course:** Open Casting

**Tutor:** Helga Watkins-Baker

**Times:** 10am – 4:30pm

Dear Participant,

Your class course is coming up and we are looking forward to welcoming you to The Glass Hub. On this information sheet, you will find some useful and essential information to help you prepare for the course.

**Course Outline:** An opportunity to work with mould making techniques to create simple but striking cast glass pieces, fired in the kiln. We will work on modelling using various materials to provide form, and then explore mould making. Removing the model from the mould, we will fill the moulds with glass ready to fire in the kiln. A great introduction to mould making and kiln casting techniques, or to work on new ideas. The class is split into two sessions with a break for lunch (around 1pm)

**What to Wear:** This is a working glass studio that can be dusty so wear old not “precious” comfortable clothes and sensible flat footwear. Warm layers are best as we are working in a high ceiling barn, which can get chilly. We will supply safety glasses and any necessary protective wear.

**Materials:** All materials and special tools/equipment are supplied for this course. Please bring any personal tools, camera, ideas, sketches and any source inspiration you may like (this is optional).

**Cool Down:** Due to the cooling process, essential to all hot glassmaking (annealing), your glass must be cooled slowly in a kiln and so will not be available to bring home on the day it is made. You can collect your work at a later time (by arrangement) or we will securely package and post to you for an additional £20 (our cost, no more), whichever suits you.

**Lunch:** We order in a delicious farm-shop buffet lunch at £10 per day. You may have booked this with us already, but if not, and you would like lunch, please let us know, or you can book online at [www.theglasshub.co.uk/lunch.html](http://www.theglasshub.co.uk/lunch.html) (advance booking only) Alternatively you may bring a packed lunch. We have a fridge, kettle and microwave for student use. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided.

**Find us:** Our address is below and you can find us on google maps <http://goo.gl/maps/grW3i> Park immediately on your left as you enter Stowford Farm from the A366. More information about our location, directions, public transport and accommodation, can be found on our website.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. The most important things to bring are an open mind and lots of enthusiasm! We look forward to meeting you at The Glass Hub.

With best wishes

**The Glass Hub Team**

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